

# Teaching with Technology in the Caribbean

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# Where is the Caribbean?



<http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/carib.htm>

# The University of the West Indies

- The University of the West Indies (UWI) evolved from a fledgling college in Jamaica with 33 students to a full-fledged University with over 40,000 students. Today, UWI is the largest and most longstanding higher education provider serving over 20 countries in the English-speaking Caribbean, with traditional campuses in Barbados (Cave Hill), Jamaica (Mona) and Trinidad and Tobago (St. Augustine).
- UWI is an international university with faculty and students from over 40 countries and collaborative links with over 60 universities around the world. Through its seven Faculties, UWI offers undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in Engineering, Humanities & Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Pure & Applied Sciences, Science and Agriculture, and Social Sciences.

## **UWI Mission Statement**

- The enduring mission of The University of the West Indies (UWI) is to propel the economic, social, political and cultural development of West Indian society through teaching, research, innovation, advisory, community services and intellectual leadership. (UWI Strategic Plan 2007-2012)

# The Birth of The University of the West Indies - “Open Campus”

- In 2008, UWI initiated the **Open Campus**, a multi-option and multi-mode “online campus” with over 40 (UWIDEC) physical site locations across the region in Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Christopher (St Kitts) & Nevis, St Lucia, and St Vincent & the Grenadines.
- On February 6, 2009, the Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed that the facilities previously known as UWI Distance Education Centres at Mona, Trinidad & Tobago, and Barbados were designated Open Campus Learning Centres.

# The UWI Open Campus

- The University of the West Indies, Open Campus serves the English Speaking Caribbean countries and was born out of an amalgamation of The University of the West Indies Distance Teaching Experiment (UWIDTE), The University of the West Indies, Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC), Former Schools of Continuing Studies (Lifelong Learning), and Non-Campus Country Sites.
- These sites include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, The Cayman Islands, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

# Teaching with Technology

- Technological advances have created new and exciting opportunities for both teaching and learning. Technology such as computers and television offers the promise of reinventing distance education by supporting interactive, inquiry-based learning.
- Technology can expand the definition of the “classroom” to include whole communities and, indeed, the entire world.
- With technology constantly changing and the emergence of non-accredited distance education programs that caters to the working professional and offering a quick fix to education, institutions of higher education have had to rethink their positions on traditional education courses and enhance their current curriculum to make its quality courses more accessible to capture a wider audience.

# Technology Use in the Open Campus

- Computer
- Video/Teleconferencing
- Telephone
- Moodle
- Gmail
- Skype
- Elluminate/Blackboard
- Mikago
- Turnitin

# The Open Campus Web Site

The screenshot displays the UWI Open Campus website interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL <http://www.open.uwi.edu/>. The search bar contains the text "the open campus barbados". The main header features the UWI logo and the text "THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES OPEN CAMPUS". A search box with a "Search" button and a "Quicklinks" dropdown menu is also present. Below the header, the website is organized into several sections:

- Information for:** A vertical menu on the left side with categories: Prospective Students (with sub-links for Undergraduate, Graduate, Pre-U & Prof), Current Students (with sub-links for Registration, myOC, TLE), Divisions & Staff (with sub-links for Island, Employment Opportunities), Alumni & Friends (with sub-links for UWI Alumni, Giving to UWI), Visitors (with sub-links for Locations, Guest housing), and Media (with sub-links for OpenTV, Photo Gallery).
- Featured Programmes:** A central banner for "2012 OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS" with an application deadline of February 26th, 2012. Below this are two featured programme tiles: "Certificate in Theatre Arts in Education" and "Professional Certificate Programmes".
- Information about:** A section on the bottom left with sub-sections for "UWI Open Campus" (About UWI, Campus Principal, Graduation 2011, Adventures) and "Programmes & Courses".
- Latest News:** A section titled "LATEST NEWS" featuring a news item about "New Brown's Town Open Campus Location in Jamaica" and another about "Open Campus Jamaica announces the relocation of its Brown's Town site at Burlington".
- Events:** A section titled "EVENTS" listing "UWI Open Scholarships" on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 (All day), and a link for "More Events - Conferences & Seminars".
- Select an Open Campus Location:** A section titled "SELECT AN OPEN CAMPUS LOCATION" displaying various national flags.
- Featured Academic:** A section titled "FEATURED ACADEMIC" with a partially visible link.

The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray displaying the time as 9:13 AM on 12/3/2012.



# Blended Programmes

## Pre-University and Professional Programmes

- [ASc in Administrative Professional Office Management](#)
- [ASc in Business Management](#)
- [ASc in Management of NGOs](#)
- [ASc in Paralegal Studies](#)
- [ASc in Public Sector Management](#)
- [ASc in Social Work](#)
- [Certificate in Criminology](#)
- [Certificate in Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Certificate in Human Resource Management](#)
- [Certificate in Tourism Hospitality Management in the Caribbean](#)
- [Diploma in Business Administration](#)
- [Diploma in Gender Studies](#)
- [Diploma in NGO Administration](#)
- [Diploma in Office Administration](#)
- [Diploma in Public Sector Administration](#)
- [Diploma in Social Services](#)

# Completely Online Programmes

## Undergraduate Programmes

- [BEd Educational Leadership & Management \(Major\)](#)
- [BEd Educational Leadership & Management \(Special\)](#)
- [BEd Literacy Studies \(Trained Teachers Model A\)](#)
- [BEd Literacy Studies \(Untrained Teachers Model B\)](#)
- [BEd Primary \(Language Arts Option\)](#)
- [BEd Secondary English \(Teacher Trained/Model A\)](#)
- [BEd Secondary English \(Untrained/Model B\)](#)
- [BEd Secondary Mathematics \(Teacher Trained/Model A\)](#)
- [BEd Secondary Mathematics \(Untrained/Model B\)](#)
- [BSc Banking and Finance \(Compliance and Corporate Governance Minor\)](#)
- [BSc Banking and Finance \(Law for Banking and Finance Minor\)](#)
- [BSc Banking and Finance \(Lending and Mortgage Underwriting Minor\)](#)
- [BSc Banking and Finance \(Special\)](#)
- [BSc in Accounting](#)
- [BSc in Management Studies \(Major\)](#)
- [BSc in Youth Development Work](#)
- [BSc Management Studies](#)
- [BSc Management Studies \(Economics Minor\)](#)

## Graduate Programmes

### Graduate Programmes

- [Diploma in Instructional Design](#)
- [Diploma in Literacy Instruction](#)
- [MEd in Literacy Instruction](#)
- [Masters in Adult and Continuing Education](#)
- [Post Graduate Diploma Adult and Continuing Education](#)

# The Learning Exchange

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser Tabs:** Firefox, The University of the West Indies - O..., OCMS Staff, The Learning Exchange: Search results.
- Address Bar:** `courses.open.uwi.edu/course/search.php?search=hist2403`
- Header:** THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES OPEN CAMPUS logo on the left and "The Learning Exchange" in a stylized font on the right. A navigation menu includes Home, My Notes, My OC, Academic Support, and Help Desk. A user login notice reads "You are logged in as Monica Masino (Logout)".
- Search Bar:** A search input field containing "hist2403" and a "Go" button.
- Breadcrumbs:** Home > Courses > Search > hist2403
- Quicklinks:** A vertical list of icons and text links: UWInC, Student Handbook, Plagiarism, Netiquette, Helpdesk, OC Forms, and FAQ.
- Activities:** A section with a "Forums" link.
- Online users:** A section showing "(last 5 minutes: 104)".
- Search Results:**
  - Search results: 1**
  - HIST2403 Revolution and Industrialization in 19th Century Europe - Semester 2 - (2011-2012)**
  - Course Coordinator: Jonathan Dalby
  - Write a concise and interesting paragraph here that explains what this course is about and give the a breakdown allocation of marks for the course eg:-
  - Coursework :- 40%**
  - Final Paper :- 60%**
  - Category: The Learning Exchange Semester 2 (2011-2012)
- Footer:** A search bar labeled "Search courses:" with a "Go" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the McAfee logo, system clock (12:12 PM, 2/23/2012), and various application icons.

# Programme/Course Delivery

- Course Coordinators
- Tutors
- Course Delivery Unit
- Learning Support Unit
- Department
- Programme Coordinator
- Curriculum Development Specialist

# Training for the Distance Learning Environment

- Managing and Facilitating Online Instruction (MFOI)
- Course Development (Pedagogy)
- Technology (Learning Exchange, Elluminate, Turnitin)
- Collaborating as Professionals (COL)

# Quality Assurance

- Academic QUALITY Assurance Committee (AQAC)
- Board of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies
- Internal University Review (faculty)
- External Review
- Students
- Course Coordinators/Tutors
- Exams Unit

# Course Development

- Programme Coordinator
- Curriculum Development Specialist
- Course Writer
- Instructional Designer
- Multimedia Specialist



**Thank you!**